

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		DATE: <b>April 20, 2000</b>
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLN. NO. (if known):
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: <b>PCT/FR98/02248</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: <b>October 20, 1998</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: <b>October 20, 1997</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>PAPER COMPRISING AN EMBOSSED PATTERN, METHOD FOR PRODUCING AND CLOTH FOR MAKING SAME</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Emeric THIBIERGE and Jean-Francois LOEILLOT</b>		
Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>		
<b>ITEMS 11. TO 16. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.  <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report and Annexes, IB308, Small Entity Declaration</li> </ol>		

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<p>17. <u>X</u> The following fees are submitted:</p> <p><b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5):</b>  Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO: ..... \$840.00</p> <p>International preliminary examination fee paid  to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) ..... \$670.00</p> <p>No international preliminary examination fee paid  to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee  paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) ..... \$690.00</p> <p>Neither international preliminary examination fee  (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee  (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$970.00</p> <p>International preliminary examination fee  (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions  of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) ..... \$ 96.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = \$840.00</b></p>	<u>CALCULATIONS</u>	<u>PTO USE ONLY</u>
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Surcharge of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 20 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).	\$	
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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
TOTAL	17 -20 =		X \$ 18.00	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	
INDEPENDENT	1 - 3 =		X \$ 78.00	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	
Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)			+ \$260.00	<b>\$260.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$1,100.00</b>	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				<b>\$550.00</b>	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				<b>\$550.00</b>	
Processing fee of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the English translation later than 20 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				<b>\$130.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>					
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). <b>\$40.00 per property +</b>				<b>\$ 40.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				<b>\$720.00</b>	
				Amount to be:	
				refunded	\$
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## ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO:

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a. XX A check in the amount of \$ 720.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. (This paper is filed in triplicate)

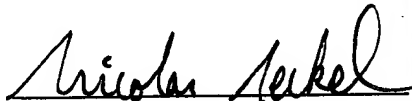
b.      Please charge my Deposit Account No. 01-2340 in the amount of \$      to cover the above fees. (A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.)

c. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Emeric THIBIERGE et al.

Serial Number: 09/529,816

Filed: April 20, 2000



ATTN: Refund Section  
Accounting Division  
Office of Finance

For: PAPER COMPRISING AN EMBOSSED PATTERN, METHOD OF PRODUCING AND CLOTH FOR MAKING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Director of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: October 30, 2000

Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests a refund of \$550.00 (\$290.00 for filing fee, \$260.00 for filing multiple dependent claims). These charges were posted to our deposit account in error.

The fee of \$550.00 and \$130.00 paid on April 20, 2000, is that for a small entity. The application is entitled to the reduced fees provided for small entities under 37 CFR 1.16. A statement establishing status as a small entity for the purpose of payment of reduced fees in the subject application was submitted with the application on April 20, 2000. A copy of the small entity statement is enclosed herewith along with a copy of the filing transmittal and date stamped postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the \$550.00 refund be credited to Deposit Account 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,  
ARMSTRONG, WESTERMAN, HATTORI,  
McLELAND & NAUGHTON

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nicolas E. Seckel".

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Enclosure: Copy of Small Entity Declaration; Copy of Filing Transmittal; Copy of date stamped Postcard

# SMALL ENTITY DECLARATION

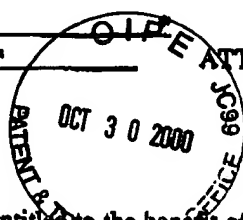
APPLICANT OR PATENTEE \_\_\_\_\_

SERIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PATENT NO. \*

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_ \*

1. ☒ 9 FILED OR ISSUED \*

2. ☒ 9 SUBMITTED HEREWITH  
FOR \*



I (we) hereby declare that I (we) am (are) entitled to the benefit of small entity status with respect to the above-identified application or patent for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 USC 41(a) & (b) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

## 9 A. INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

I (we) qualify as (an) independent inventor(s) as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c).

## 9 B. INDIVIDUAL NON-INVENTOR

I would qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) if I had made the invention.

## 9 C. SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I am ☒ 9 THE OWNER ☐ 9 AN OFFICIAL of the small-business concern identified below and am empowered to act on behalf of the concern. The concern qualifies under 37 CFR 1.9(d) and 13 CFR 121.3-18. Rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the concern and are exclusive unless a checkmark is placed here ☐ 9. All other rights belong to small entities as defined in 37 CFR 1.9.

## 9 D. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the non-profit organization identified below. The organization qualifies under 37 CFR 1.9(e), sub-section \*. Rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the organization and are exclusive unless a checkmark is placed here ☐ 9. All other rights belong to small entities as defined in 37 CFR 1.9.

I (we) acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I (we) declare under penalty or perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

## A. INDEPENDENT INVENTOR(S) B. INDIVIDUAL NON-INVENTOR(S)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## C. BUSINESS CONCERN

## D. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

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By Emeric Thibierge  
Name of Person Signing

Signature

Chairman  
Title

Date

APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> 2000

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Papers filed herewith on: 04/20/00

Fees: \$	720.00	New Application
Assignment		Drawings
		Declaration

Other: A copy of the International Preliminary  
Examination Report and Annexes

Small Entity Declaration; Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet;  
IB308

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed as indicated  
in connection with the above-identified case.

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